

# White Rose Cemetery Events 2025

## **Mausoleum Stories – October 2025**

Mausoleum Stories is a performance that is held inside the Mausoleum. The performance features stories about several local pioneers and residents who are interred at White Rose Cemetery. The proceeds from this event benefit the White Rose Cemetery Beautification Projects. Tickets to the event will be sold at the Bartlesville Public Library.

## **Luminary Service—Saturday, November 22, 2025, 5pm**

Luminaries consist of a paper sack weighted down with sand and an LED light. They are placed around the halls of the White Rose Mausoleum. The service includes a speaker, music, and reading of the names of those being remembered. Guests are invited to take their luminary and place it on the grave of their loved ones. Loved ones do not have to be buried at White Rose Cemetery to have a luminary in their memory. Luminaries can be purchased at the Bartlesville Public Library in the Local and Family History room during November.

## **Wreaths Across America—Saturday, December 13, 2025, 11am**

Wreaths Across America is a nonprofit organization that honors our veterans through the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes. Wreaths are \$17 to sponsor a veteran. If you would like to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony, or sponsor a wreath for one of our veterans, visit our website at [wreathscrossamerica.org/OK0082P](http://wreathscrossamerica.org/OK0082P) or contact Debra Cook at (918) 914-9808.

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### **White Rose Cemetery Office**

Bartlesville Public Library  
600 South Johnstone Avenue  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
[whiterose@cityofbartlesville.org](mailto:whiterose@cityofbartlesville.org)  
(918)338-4070

### **White Rose Cemetery Grounds**

804 West 11th Street  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
Cemetery Grounds Open 6am -9pm



White Rose Cemetery  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
May 26, 2025 9:00 am

## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day,  
it fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it  
and then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform,  
so young, so tall, so proud.



With hair cut square and eyes alert  
he'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him  
had fallen through the years?

How many died on foreign soil?

How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' plans shot down?

How many died at sea?

How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No, Freedom is not free.

I heard the sound of taps one night,  
when everything was still.

I listened to the bugler play  
and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
that taps had meant "Amen"

When a flag had draped a coffin  
of a brother or a friend.

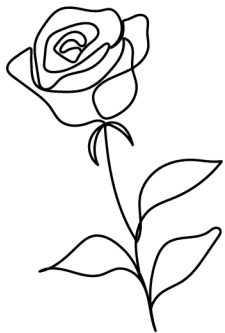
I thought of all the children,  
of the mothers and the wives.

Of fathers, sons and husband  
with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
at the bottom of the sea.

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

No, Freedom isn't free.



# Memorial Day Schedule

Mayor Jim Curd  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Master of Ceremonies

Father Nick Phares  
St Luke's Episcopal Church, Navy Veteran  
Invocation

Pete King  
BSA Troop 6, Assistant Scoutmaster  
Presenting Colors

Representative John B. Kane  
Guest Speaker

Monument Dedication - Mayor Jim Curd  
Reading of names- Jason Elmore

Washington County Honor Guard (SAR)

Pete King  
BSA Troop 6, Assistant Scoutmaster  
Retrieving Colors

A Special THANK YOU to:

Boy Scout Troop 6, sponsored by the American Legion Post 105, and those  
who helped place American Flags at White Rose Cemetery.  
And THANK YOU to all the veterans who have fought for the freedom that we  
celebrate and for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation

